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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WILDLIFE LAWS

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1. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE ON BAHRAIN , THERE ARE NO RPT NO LAWS GOVERNING WILDLIFE IMPORT OR EXPORT. THE FEW FOXES, LIZARDS, MONGOOSE AND RABBITS IN THE DESERT AREAS ARE SPARSE BUT NOT FELT WORTHY OF PROTECTION AND THERE IS SELDOM A REPORTED SIGHTING OF THE GAZELLES WHICH ONCE INHABITED THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE ISLAND. ANY QUESTION ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. ABDULAZIZ AL-HASSAN, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE, P O BOX 251, MANAMA, BAHRAIN.

2. THE ONLY MOVEMENT IN THE WILDLIFE SECTOR IN BAHRAIN IS ONE SUPPORTED BY THE PERSONAL INTEREST OF THE HEIR APPARENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL "WILDLIFE SANCTUARY" IN BAHRAIN. INSTALLATION OF A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND SOME AFFORESTATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN IN THIS 800 METER BY 2000 METER AREA. ONCE THE AFFORESTATION HAS TAKEN HOLD, THE GOB PLANS TO ACQUIRE ABOUT 250 NON-XARNIVOROUS ANIMALS FROM THIS REGION AND AFRICA. A LOOP ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PERMIT OBSERVATION FO THE ANIMALS FROM AUTOS WITH ANEAR-BY PICNIC AND MINI-Z
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AS THIS PROJECT IS A CONTROLLED AREA PROGRAM THE EMBASSY WOULD NOT EXPECT IT TO LEAD TO ANY WILDLIFE LAWS.
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